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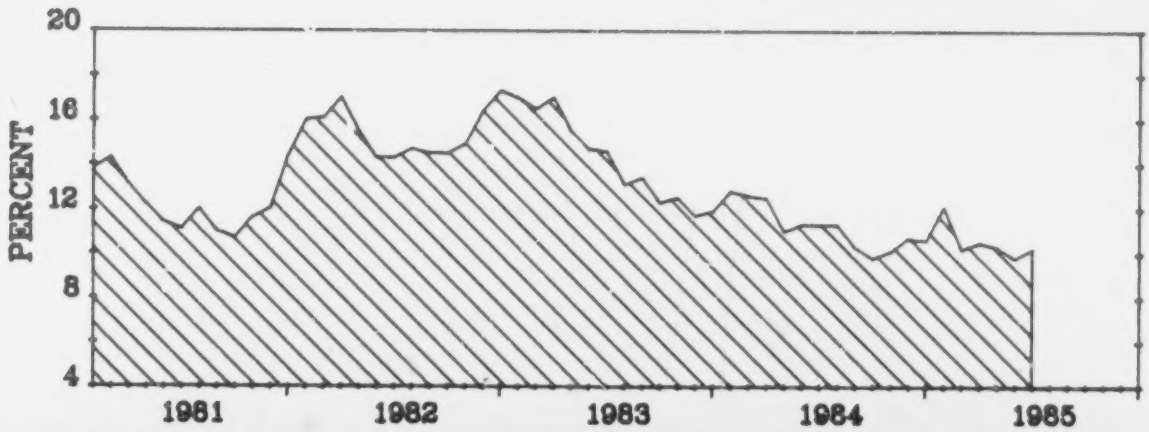
MARGINAL INCREASE RECORDED IN STATEWIDE JOBLESSNESS

The incidence of unemployment in Michigan edged upward as the jobless rate rose from 9.8 percent in May to 10.2 percent in June. The slight rise in the level of joblessness represents 21,000 additional individuals out of work, as total state residents seeking employment rose to 450,000. The increase in the jobless rate was primarily attributed to a drop in government employment and temporary cutbacks in the manufacturing sector. Total employment in June edged upward by 16,000 to reach 3,950,000 , while the statewide civilian labor force expanded by 36,000 to total 4,399,000. Compared with a year ago, employment in Michigan has decreased by 18,000, while the size of the labor force has fallen by 74,000. In June 1984, the total number of persons out of work amounted to 505,000, representing an unemployment rate of 11.3 percent.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUE TO EXPAND

Wage and salary employment in Michigan increased as industry jobs accelerated to 3,469,000 in June. Employment opportunities jumped by approximately 15,800 as gains occurred in two of the three major sectors of the economy. Total manufacturing employment at 962,000, inched upward by 5,000, as a result of minor advances scattered throughout the nondurable industries. Private nonmanufacturing employment jumped by 25,500 to 1,939,500 in June, as traditional seasonal patterns influenced employment trends in retail trade, construction and service occupations. Public sector positions fell by 14,700 primarily as a result of declining employment in state and local educational facilities. Since June 1984, industry employment in Michigan has climbed by 121,700 positions or 3.6 percent. Approximately 88,400 nonmanufacturing jobs have been added throughout the year, while manufacturing and government accounted for increases of 14,900 and 18,500, respectively.

MICHIGAN UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (1981–1985)



Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment Estimates

State of Michigan

ITEM	JUN 1985	MAY 1985	APR 1985	JUN 1984
PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
Civilian Labor Force	4399.0	4363.0	4350.0	4473.0
Employment	3950.0	3934.0	3902.0	3968.0
Unemployment	450.0	429.0	448.0	505.0
Rate	10.2	9.8	10.3	11.3
PLACE OF WORK				
Wage and Salary Employment	3469.0	3453.2	3403.9	3347.3
Manufacturing	962.0	957.0	950.6	947.1
Durables	756.8	755.5	749.6	744.7
Lumber and Wood Products	11.7	11.4	11.4	12.2
Furniture and Fixtures	26.5	26.4	26.2	25.5
Metals	169.5	170.4	169.9	171.4
Primary Metals	51.6	52.3	52.0	53.6
Fabricated Metals	117.9	118.1	117.9	117.8
Nonelectrical Machinery	131.1	131.9	130.8	129.8
Electrical Machinery	33.8	34.8	34.8	33.6
Transportation Equipment	347.6	344.8	341.4	334.8
Motor Vehicles and Equip.	328.8	326.1	323.2	315.5
Other Transportation Equip.	18.8	18.7	18.2	19.3
Other Durables	36.6	35.8	35.0	37.4
Nondurables	205.1	201.5	201.0	202.4
Food and Kindred	45.6	43.8	43.7	46.2
Textiles and Apparel	20.2	20.4	20.2	20.4
Paper Products	20.8	20.5	20.5	21.1
Printing and Publishing	36.9	36.4	36.6	35.8
Chemicals and Petroleum	43.0	42.1	42.3	42.0
Other Nondurables	38.6	38.3	37.9	36.9
Nonmanufacturing	1939.5	1914.0	1871.3	1851.1
Construction	97.3	90.8	80.9	97.1
Trans., Commun., Utilities	140.9	139.7	138.0	137.7
Wholesale Trade	180.4	178.9	177.1	171.1
Retail Trade	613.5	606.3	589.1	580.2
Finance, Real Estate and Ins.	160.0	157.6	155.5	156.0
Services	737.5	731.2	721.4	698.9
Mining	9.9	9.5	9.3	10.0
Government	567.5	582.2	582.0	549.0
Federal	58.1	57.6	57.1	56.7
State	132.8	138.1	147.0	127.3
Local	376.6	386.5	378.0	365.0
Workers Involved In Labor Disputes	0.9	0.6	0.3	3.8

* Indicates a labor-management dispute in the industry.

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CLAIMS ACTIVITY

The number of individuals collecting regular unemployment benefits continued to decline during the month of June. The regular benefits claims load averaged 96,100 per week during the month, approximately 8,400 fewer than the May total. In June 1984, the number of claimants drawing benefits under the regular benefit program averaged 96,500.

In addition, the number of persons collecting benefits under the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) program fell by 7,685 as FSC claimants exhausted their benefits. The number of FSC claimants will continue to decline due to the expiration of the program on March 31, 1985. The Extended Benefit (EB) program ended on May 21, 1983, thereby disqualifying claimants from collecting benefits under that program.

WEEKLY CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Week Ending	Regular Program			Federal Supplemental Compensation		
	Total	Initial	Cont'd	Total	Initial	Cont'd
June 01, 1985	95,200	10,800	84,400	5,800	0	5,800
June 08, 1985	97,900	12,400	85,500	4,500	0	4,500
June 15, 1985	96,200	12,100	84,100	3,300	0	3,300
June 22, 1985	96,900	13,100	83,800	2,300	0	2,300
June 29, 1985	94,300	12,100	82,200	1,300	0	1,300

SLIGHT RISE IN DETROIT METROPOLITAN PRICES

Consumer prices in the Detroit metropolitan area advanced by three tenths of a percentage point over the month to reach 317.0 in June. The increase in Detroit area prices was primarily due to higher housing and transportation costs. Prices in the area climbed by 3.5 percent since June 1984, when the Consumer Price Index stood at 306.3.

Nationally, the cost of living rose by three tenths of a percent to reach 322.3 during the month. The higher national prices were due to additional costs for food and beverages and gasoline. Between June 1984 and June 1985, national consumer prices increased by 3.7 percent. One year ago, the national index registered 310.7.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

The average workweek of Michigan's production workers in manufacturing industries dipped from 43.1 hours in May to 43.0 hours in June. The decrease occurred primarily as a result of shorter hours worked by individuals in the transportation industry.

During the month average hourly earnings inched upward by four cents to $12.66, while average weekly earnings increased by forty six cents to total $544.38. In June 1984, earnings averaged $12.18 an hour or $528.61 per week for a 43.4 hour workweek.

MICHIGAN'S HOURS AND EARNINGS

Industry	Average Hourly Earnings a/			Average Weekly Hours a/			Average Weekly Earnings a/		
	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$12.66	$12.62	$12.18	43.0	43.1	43.4	$544.38	$543.92	$528.61
DURABLE GOODS	13.19	13.16	12.65	43.5	43.5	43.8	573.76	572.46	554.07
Primary Metal Products	12.04	11.92	12.38	42.6	41.8	42.1	512.90	498.26	521.20
Fabricated Metal Products	12.51	12.35	11.95	43.3	43.0	43.1	541.68	531.05	515.04
Nonelectrical Machinery	12.53	12.59	12.16	43.5	42.6	43.5	545.05	536.33	528.96
Electrical Machinery	10.55	10.52	10.48	41.7	40.7	42.6	439.93	428.16	446.45
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	15.08	15.01	14.33	44.4	45.4	45.3	669.55	681.45	649.15
NONDURABLE GOODS	10.49	10.37	10.33	41.4	41.5	41.8	434.29	430.35	431.79
Contract Construction	15.03	14.87	14.55	40.2	39.5	39.7	604.21	587.36	577.63
Department Stores	6.62	6.43	6.23	27.8	28.1	30.0	184.04	180.61	186.90

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Alpena County	Alpena County
Antrim County	Antrim County
Arenac County	Arenac County
Baraga County	Baraga County
Barry County	Barry County
Battle Creek City	Battle Creek City in Calhoun County
Bay County	Bay County
Benzie County	Benzie County
Berrien County	Berrien County
Branch County	Branch County
Calhoun County, Balance of	Calhoun County, less Battle Creek City
Cass County	Cass County
Charlevoix County	Charlevoix County
Cheboygan County	Cheboygan County
Chippewa County	Chippewa County
Clare County	Clare County
Clinton County	Clinton County
Clinton Township	Clinton Township in Macomb County
Crawford County	Crawford County
Dearborn Heights City	Dearborn Heights City in Wayne County
Delta County	Delta County
Detroit City	Detroit City in Wayne County
Dickinson County	Dickinson County
Eaton County, Balance of	Eaton County less Lansing City
Emmet County	Emmet County
Farmington Hills City	Farmington Hills in Oakland County
Flint City	Flint City in Genesee County
Genessee County, Balance of	Genesee County less Flint City
Gladwin County	Gladwin County
Gogebic County	Gogebic County
Grand Rapids City	Grand Rapids City in Kent County
Grand Traverse County	Grand Traverse County
Gratiot County	Gratiot County
Hillsdale County	Hillsdale County
Houghton County	Houghton County
Huron County	Huron County
Ionia County	Ionia County
Iosco County	Iosco County
Iron County	Iron County
Jackson County	Jackson County
Kalamazoo City	Kalamazoo City in Kalamazoo County
Kalkaska County	Kalkaska County
Kent County, Balance of	Kent County, less Grand Rapids City and Wyoming City
Keweenaw County	Keweenaw County
Lake County	Lake County
Lansing City	Lansing City in Ingham and Eaton Counties
Lapeer County	Lapeer County
Leelanau County	Leelanau County
Lenawee County	Lenawee County
Livingston County	Livingston County
Luce County	Luce County
Mackinac County	Mackinac County
Macomb County, Balance of	Macomb County less Clinton Township, Roseville City, St. Clair Shores City, Sterling Heights City, Warren City
Manistee County	Manistee County
Marquette County	Marquette County
Mason County	Mason County
Mecosta County	Mecosta County
Menominee County	Menominee County
Midland County	Midland County
Missaukee County	Missaukee County
Monroe County	Monroe County
Montcalm County	Montcalm County
Montmorency County	Montmorency County
Muskegon County	Muskegon County
Newaygo County	Newaygo County
Oakland County, Balance of	Oakland County less Farmington Hills City Pontiac City, Royal Oak City, Southfield City, Troy City, Waterford Township
Oceana County	Oceana County
Ogemaw County	Ogemaw County
Ontonagon County	Ontonagon County
Osceola County	Osceola County
Oscoda County	Oscoda County
Otsego County	Otsego County
Pontiac City	Pontiac City in Oakland County
Presque Isle County	Presque Isle County
Roscommon County	Roscommon County
Roseville City	Roseville City in Macomb County
Royal Oak City	Royal Oak City in Oakland County
Saginaw City	Saginaw City in Saginaw County
Saginaw County, Balance of	Saginaw County less Saginaw City
St. Clair County	St. Clair County
St. Clair Shores City	St. Clair Shores City in Macomb County
St. Joseph County	St. Joseph County
Sanilac County	Sanilac County
Schoolcraft County	Schoolcraft County
Shiawassee County	Shiawassee County
Southfield City	Southfield City in Oakland County
Sterling Heights City	Sterling Heights City in Macomb County
Taylor City	Taylor City in Wayne County
Tuscola County	Tuscola County
Van Buren County	Van Buren County
Warren City	Warren City in Macomb County
Washtenaw County, Balance of	Washtenaw County less Ann Arbor City
Waterford Township	Waterford Township in Oakland County
Wayne County, Balance of	Wayne County less Dearborn City, Dearborn Heights City, Detroit City, Livonia City, Redford Township, Taylor City, Westland City
Westland City	Westland City in Wayne County
Wexford County	Wexford County
Wyoming City	Wyoming City in Kent County

Source: Michigan Employment Security Commission — Bureau of Research and Statistics

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MICHIGAN JOBLESS RATE CONTINUES UPWARD TREND

Unemployment in Michigan moved upward as the jobless rate rose from 10.2 percent in June to 10.8 percent in July. The increase in the level of joblessness represents 26,000 additional individuals out of work, as state residents seeking employment rose to 476,000. The increase in the jobless rate was primarily attributed to a drop in government employment as local school districts laid off support staff for the summer recess period. Total employment in July decreased by 32,000 to reach 3,918,000, while the statewide civilian labor force decreased by 6,000 to total 4,393,000. When compared to a year ago, employment in Michigan has decreased by 80,000, while the size of the labor force has fallen by 114,000. In July 1984, the total number of persons out of work amounted to 509,000, representing an unemployment rate of 11.3 percent.

STATEWIDE PAYROLLS FALL

Wage and salary employment in Michigan decreased as industry jobs fell to 3,433,900 in July. Employment opportunities declined by approximately 30,000 as losses occurred in two of the three major sectors of the economy. Total manufacturing employment at 943,600, dropped by 17,900, as a result of job losses in the automotive related industries. Private nonmanufacturing employment rose by 2,400 to 1,941,100 in July, as seasonal increases occurred in both construction and service occupations. Public sector positions fell by 14,500 as administrative support staffs were reduced at local educational facilities. Since July 1984, industry employment in Michigan has climbed by 102,500 positions or 3.1 percent. Approximately 88,800 nonmanufacturing jobs have been added throughout the year, while manufacturing and government accounted for increases of 2,200 and 11,600, respectively.

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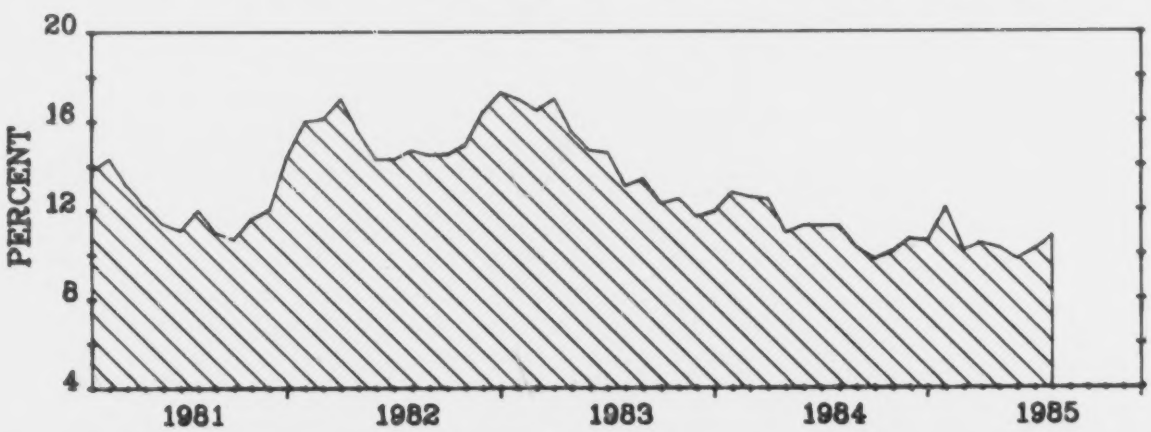

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Unemployment	476.0	450.0	429.0	509.0
Rate	10.8	10.2	9.8	11.3
PLACE OF WORK				
Wage and Salary Employment	3433.9	3463.9	3453.2	3331.4
Manufacturing	943.6	961.5	957.0	941.4
Durables	740.6	756.5	755.5	738.2
Lumber and Wood Products	11.7	11.6	11.4	11.9
Furniture and Fixtures	26.4	26.5	26.4	25.4
Metals	163.4	169.8	170.4	167.8
Primary Metals	49.0	51.9	52.3	52.1
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July 06, 1985	97,000	16,100	80,900	500	0	500
July 13, 1985	101,100	14,300	86,800	200	0	200
July 20, 1985	99,800	12,900	86,900	100	0	100
July 27, 1985	104,500	20,200	84,300	100	0	100

METROPOLITAN AREA EXPERIENCES MODEST RISE IN PRICES

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During the month average hourly earnings inched downward by four cents to $12.62, while average weekly earnings decreased by $+.51$ to total $538.87. In July 1984, earnings averaged $12.19 an hour or $514.42 per week for a 42.2 hour workweek.

MICHIGAN'S HOURS AND EARNINGS

Industry	Average Hourly Earnings a/			Average Weekly Hours a/			Average Weekly Earnings a/		
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DURABLE GOODS	13.15	13.19	12.68	43.0	43.4	42.6	565.45	572.45	540.17
Primary Metal Products	12.30	12.11	12.31	42.1	42.8	40.2	517.83	518.31	494.86
Fabricated Metal Products	12.55	12.48	11.93	42.3	43.3	41.3	530.86	540.38	492.71
Nonelectrical Machinery	12.52	12.51	12.29	42.8	43.7	43.4	535.86	546.69	533.39
Electrical Machinery	10.31	10.56	10.10	39.0	41.7	41.4	402.09	440.35	418.14
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	14.89	15.08	14.37	44.4	44.3	43.8	661.12	668.04	629.41
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Mason County	Mason County
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Missaukee County	Missaukee County
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Oscoda County	Oscoda County
Otsego County	Otsego County
Pontiac City	Pontiac City in Oakland County
Presque Isle County	Presque Isle County
Roscommon County	Roscommon County
Roseville City	Roseville City in Macomb County
Royal Oak City	Royal Oak City in Oakland County
Saginaw City	Saginaw City in Saginaw County
Saginaw County, Balance of	Saginaw County less Saginaw City
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St. Clair Shores City	St. Clair Shores City in Macomb County
St. Joseph County	St. Joseph County
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Schoolcraft County	Schoolcraft County
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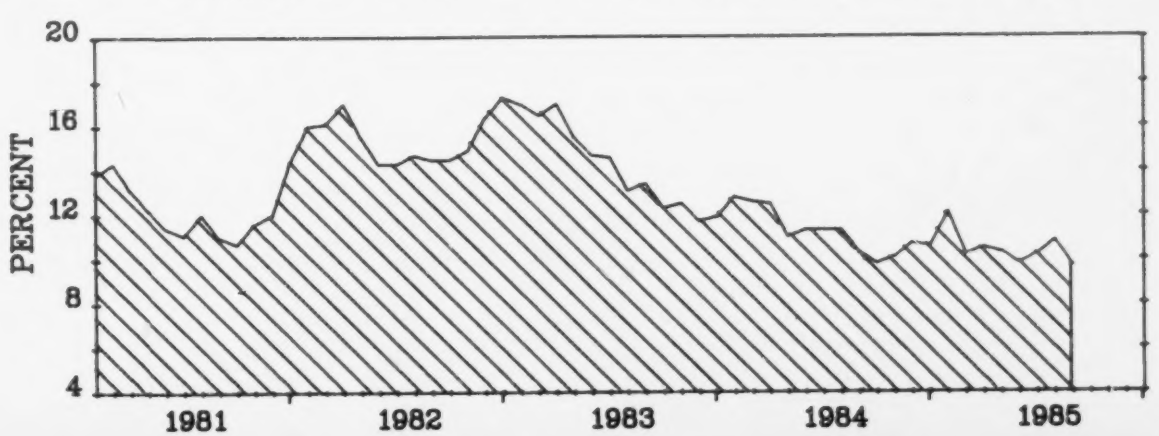
STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FALLS

The Michigan unemployment rate dropped by 1.1 percentage points as the jobless rate fell from 10.8 percent in July to 9.7 percent in August. The decrease in the level of joblessness represents 48,000 fewer individuals out of work, as state residents seeking employment slipped to 428,000. The decline in the jobless rate was primarily attributed to traditional seasonal advances in construction, retail trade and service related industries. Total employment in August increased by 68,000 to reach 3,986,000, while the statewide civilian labor force rose by 20,000 to total 4,413,000. When compared to a year ago, employment in Michigan has dipped by 4,000, while the size of the labor force has fallen by 36,000. In August 1984, the total number of persons out of work amounted to 459,000, representing an unemployment rate of 10.3 percent.

MARGINAL GROWTH RECORDED IN STATEWIDE PAYROLLS

Michigan's wage and salary employment increased slightly as industry jobs inched upward to 3,439,300 in August. Employment opportunities rose by approximately 7,300 as goods producing advances were partially offset by service producing losses. Total goods producing employment at 1,066,000, jumped by 9,500 as a result of job gains in both the construction and durable goods industries. Service producing employment dipped by 2,100 to 2,375,500 in August, as losses occurred in government services and transportation, communication and utilities. Public sector positions fell by 5,600 as losses were evident at all three levels. Since August 1984, industry employment in Michigan has climbed by 117,800 positions or 3.5 percent. Approximately 92,800 service producing jobs have been added throughout the year, while goods producing employment has increased by 25,200.

MICHIGAN UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (1981–1985)



Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment Estimates

State of Michigan

ITEM	AUG 1985	JUL 1985	JUN 1985	AUG 1984
PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
Civilian Labor Force	4413.0	4393.0	4399.0	4449.0
Employment	3986.0	3918.0	3950.0	3990.0
Unemployment	428.0	476.0.0	450.0	459.0
Rate	9.7	10.8	10.2	10.3
PLACE OF WORK				
Wage and Salary Employment	3439.3	3432.0	3463.9	3321.5
Good Producing Industries	1066.0	1056.5	1069.2	1040.8
Construction and Mining	114.9	112.0	107.7	107.2
Mining	9.8	9.6	9.9	9.8
Construction	105.1	102.4	97.8	97.4
Manufacturing	951.1	944.5	961.5	933.6
Durable Goods	745.7	740.9	756.5	728.2
Lumber and Wood Products	12.1	11.7	11.6	11.9
Furniture and Fixtures	27.5	27.2	26.5	26.2
Metals	165.9	163.1	169.8	167.9
Primary Metals	51.0	48.7	51.9	52.4
Fabricated Metals	114.9	114.4	117.9	115.5
Nonelectrical Machinery	128.3	128.4	131.1	129.4
Electrical Machinery	33.5	33.1	34.0	30.0
Transportation Equipment	341.3	341.5	347.0	325.6
Other Durable Goods	37.1	35.9	36.5	37.2
Nondurable Goods	205.4	203.6	205.0	205.5
Food and Kindred Products	47.6	47.3	45.6	48.8
Textiles and Apparel	20.0	19.3	20.2	19.5
Paper and Allied Products	20.4	20.5	20.8	20.9
Printing and Publishing	36.6	36.2	36.9	36.1
Chemicals and Petroleum	42.5	42.7	42.8	42.9
Other Nondurable Goods	38.3	37.6	38.7	37.3
Service Producing Industries	2373.4	2375.5	2394.7	2280.6
Trans., Comm. and Utilities	135.4	141.0	140.6	138.6
Wholesale Trade	180.1	181.1	181.1	172.7
Retail Trade	612.0	605.0	613.4	577.0
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	161.1	161.2	160.0	156.5
Services	742.4	739.2	735.9	700.2
Government	542.4	548.0	563.7	535.6
Federal	58.7	58.8	58.1	57.2
State	129.6	130.4	128.5	127.4
Local	354.1	358.9	377.1	351.1
Labor Disputes	6.8	0.5	0.9	1.3

* Indicates a labor-management dispute in the industry.

Notes: Data expressed in thousands. Current month data are preliminary.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE data are based on the monthly Current Population Survey of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics — 1984 Benchmark.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT is based on a monthly sample of employing establishments as part of the co-operative federal-state Current Employment Statistics program — March 1984 Benchmark.

CLAIMS ACTIVITY

The number of individuals collecting regular unemployment benefits increased during the month of August. The regular benefits claims load averaged 109,380 per week during the month, approximately 8,780 more than the July total. In August 1984, the number of claimants drawing benefits under the regular benefit program averaged 114,475.

Additionally, due to the expiration of the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) program on March 31, 1985, the number of claimants collecting benefits fell to zero as all FSC claimants finally exhausted their benefit entitlement. The Extended Benefit (EB) program ended on May 21, 1983, thereby disqualifying claimants from collecting benefits under that program.

WEEKLY CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Week Ending	Regular Program			Federal Supplemental Compensation		
	Total	Initial	Cont'd	Total	Initial	Cont'd
August 03, 1985	113,200	25,100	88,100	0	0	0
August 10, 1985	114,000	20,400	93,600	0	0	0
August 17, 1985	114,300	15,300	99,000	0	0	0
August 24, 1985	107,800	16,000	91,800	0	0	0
August 31, 1985	97,600	13,900	83,700	0	0	0

COST OF LIVING REMAINS THE SAME

The Detroit metropolitan area cost of living remained unchanged at 318.0 from July to August. The increase in the price of men's and women's apparel was offset by price decreases in food and housing. Prices in the area climbed by 3.2 percent since August 1984, when the Consumer Price Index stood at 308.0.

At the national level, the cost of living rose by two tenths of a percent to reach 323.5 during the month. The higher national prices were due to additional costs for apparel and medical care. Between August 1984 and August 1985, national consumer prices increased by 3.4 percent. One year ago, the national index registered 313.0.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

The average workweek of Michigan's production workers in manufacturing industries remained unchanged at 42.6 during the month of August. Additional hours worked by individuals in nonelectrical and electrical machinery were easily offset by shorter hours worked by persons in primary and fabricated metal products.

During the month average hourly earnings inched downward by six cents to $12.58, while average weekly earnings decreased by $2.55 to total $535.91. In August 1984, earnings averaged $12.15 an hour or $513.94 per week for a 42.3 hour workweek.

MICHIGAN'S HOURS AND EARNINGS

Industry	Average Hourly Earnings a/			Average Weekly Hours a/			Average Weekly Earnings a/		
	Aug 1985	Jul 1985	Aug 1984	Aug 1985	Jul 1985	Aug 1984	Aug 1985	Jul 1985	Aug 1984
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$12.58	$12.64	$12.15	42.6	42.6	42.3	$535.91	$538.46	$513.94
DURABLE GOODS	13.11	13.17	12.67	42.9	43.0	42.5	562.42	566.31	538.47
Primary Metal Products	12.03	12.31	12.24	41.4	42.0	40.1	498.04	517.02	490.82
Fabricated Metal Products	12.43	12.60	11.70	41.6	42.2	41.3	517.09	531.72	483.21
Nonelectrical Machinery	12.37	12.52	12.22	43.0	42.8	43.2	531.91	535.86	527.90
Electrical Machinery	10.71	10.21	10.44	41.0	38.7	41.8	439.11	395.13	436.39
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	14.75	14.72	14.29	44.2	44.4	43.6	651.95	653.57	623.04
NONDURABLE GOODS	10.51	10.52	10.24	41.5	41.3	41.6	436.16	434.48	425.98
Contract Construction	14.96	15.13	14.39	38.6	40.5	39.6	577.46	612.76	569.84
Department Stores	6.54	6.50	6.12	28.9	28.9	29.2	189.01	187.85	178.70

a/ *Average weekly and hourly earnings are computed from aggregates of individual establishment reports utilizing the total amount paid to production workers and total production hours. Average weekly and hourly earnings differ from weekly and hourly rates in that they are affected by overtime wage rates, part-time earnings, the length of the workweek, etc.*

Note: *Current month data are preliminary.*

Labor Surplus Areas Eligible for Federal Procurement Preference From October 1, 1985 through September 30, 1986

Eligible Labor Surplus Areas	Political Jurisdiction(s) Included
Alcona County	Alcona County
Alger County	Alger County
Allegan County	Allegan County
Alpena County	Alpena County
Antrim County	Antrim County
Arenac County	Arenac County
Baraga County	Baraga County
Barry County	Barry County
Battle Creek City	Battle Creek City in Calhoun County
Bay County	Bay County
Benzie County	Benzie County
Berrien County	Berrien County
Branch County	Branch County
Calhoun County, Balance of	Calhoun County, less Battle Creek City
Cass County	Cass County
Charlevoix County	Charlevoix County
Cheboygan County	Cheboygan County
Chippewa County	Chippewa County
Clare County	Clare County
Clinton Township	Clinton Township in Macomb County
Crawford County	Crawford County
Delta County	Delta County
Detroit City	Detroit City in Wayne County
Dickinson County	Dickinson County
Emmet County	Emmet County
Flint City	Flint City in Genesee County
Genessee County, Balance of	Genesee County less Flint City
Gladwin County	Gladwin County
Gogebic County	Gogebic County
Grand Rapids City	Grand Rapids City in Kent County
Grand Traverse County	Grand Traverse County
Gratiot County	Gratiot County
Hillsdale County	Hillsdale County
Houghton County	Houghton County
Huron County	Huron County
Ionia County	Ionia County
Iosco County	Iosco County
Iron County	Iron County
Jackson County	Jackson County
Kalamazoo City	Kalamazoo City in Kalamazoo County
Kalkaska County	Kalkaska County
Keweenaw County	Keweenaw County
Lake County	Lake County
Lansing City	Lansing City in Ingham and Eaton Counties
Lapeer County	Lapeer County
Leelanau County	Leelanau County
Lenawee County	Lenawee County
Livingston County	Livingston County
Luce County	Luce County
Mackinac County	Mackinac County
Macomb County, Balance of	Macomb County less Clinton Township, Roseville City, St. Clair Shores City, Sterling Heights City, Warren City
Manistee County	Manistee County
Marquette County	Marquette County
Mason County	Mason County
Mecosta County	Mecosta County
Menominee County	Menominee County
Midland County	Midland County
Missaukee County	Missaukee County
Monroe County	Monroe County
Montcalm County	Montcalm County
Montmorency County	Montmorency County
Muskegon County	Muskegon County
Newaygo County	Newaygo County
Oakland County, Balance of	Oakland County less Farmington Hills City Pontiac City, Royal Oak City, Southfield City, Troy City, Waterford Township
Oceana County	Oceana County
Ogemaw County	Ogemaw County
Ontonagon County	Ontonagon County
Osceola County	Osceola County
Oscoda County	Oscoda County
Otsego County	Otsego County
Pontiac City	Pontiac City in Oakland County
Presque Isle County	Presque Isle County
Roscommon County	Roscommon County
Roseville City	Roseville City in Macomb County
Saginaw City	Saginaw City in Saginaw County
Saginaw County, Balance of	Saginaw County less Saginaw City
St. Clair County	St. Clair County
St. Clair Shores City	St. Clair Shores City in Macomb County
St. Joseph County	St. Joseph County
Sanilac County	Sanilac County
Schoolcraft County	Schoolcraft County
Shiawassee County	Shiawassee County
Sterling Heights City	Sterling Heights City in Macomb County
Taylor City	Taylor City in Wayne County
Tuscola County	Tuscola County
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